

WHITE TERROR

Marxism is Science. So say the ruling Marxists OF Bengal. But they cannot defend scientific thought process even of their kind. It is under attack as never before. The attacks are coming from the so-called Marxist establishment itself at an accelerating pace, and include frequent bloody interventions by powerful forces, in and out of the administration, who seem all too willing to destroy whatever remains of rational thinking and deny basic rights to the people, otherwise described as sacrosanct in this biggest showpiece of democracy and undermine people's initiative at critical junctures—all in the pursuit of implementing their particular political agenda devoid of any scientific reasoning. Incidentally they chose March 14—the birthday of Albert Einstein or what is popularly known as ?-day throughout the world—to massacre unarmed civilians, farmers, their wives and children of Nandigram opposing forcible land acquisition drive by the CPM-led left front government. The villagers were peaceful and on that fateful day they were worshipping their local deity to ward off the evil designs of the marxist government. As they could not rely on their elected marxist representatives who didn't care about them despite repeated representations, they hoped somewhat against hope that God could save them from the police-marxist party joint onslaught. But the God was a marxist and he didn't listen to them!

Maybe, the state-sponsored violence sometimes somewhere provoked some activists of the anti-land-grab movement to resort to some sporadic 'violent' activities like throwing stones, waving black flags or purely Gandhian sit-ins as it happens in case of unarmed Palestinian street children expressing their anger against the Israeli Police. But the ruler's side never restrained themselves. Instead they became more and more impatient and violent with every passing day. For about three months the agitationists of Nandigram had to face economic and social blockade by CPM-armed cadres [death squads?] and the administration as well. The marxists didn't allow the 'outsiders' to reach the spot as if they were running a republic of their own within a republic. Faced with a determined resistance against the forcible acquisition of agricultural land and residential areas as well, the persons in authority in their multifarious capacities began to issue threats to the people of Nandigram on the eve of launching the genocidal operation. It was all about wooing the notorious Salim Group of Indonesia at the cost of poor people, living in 29 mouzas to be precise.

True, the administration armed with the backdoor briefings by the party in power, made some gestures to hammer out a negotiated settlement but they were interested in talking about compensation as if land-acquisition was a settled fact. For obvious reasons opposition parties and protesters boycotted the administration initiated bargaining parleys. To the people it made no sense because they were not inviting them to discuss land-acquisition but quantum of compensation.

As the ruling marxists are in a hurry to prove themselves as good advocates of globalisation, they finally decided to go for action. Burning, looting, killing, raping—and all these happened in broad day light.

In a way the genocide in Nandi-gram surpassed that of Jalianwala-bagh where 88 years ago the imperial British government—killed hundreds of unarmed civilians in order to cow down Indians aspiring freedom from British bondage. But the Nandigram carnage was the work of an Indian ruling party—CPM—aided and abetted by a compliant and subservient administration and state police on its own people who voted them to power, to force them to part with their tiny parcels of land. All this under terror, rather white terror and that too in a democracy!

The martyrdom of peasants under a marxist regime is likely to fuel popular passion against the second coming of East India Company by the backdoor. Ordinary citizens, democrats and liberals are reacting, somewhat spontaneously against police atrocities and marxist party sponsored barbarity. As things are they are unlikely to close their eyes and wait until it's all over. It's a unique development of intervention by the civic society in a crisis situation where people are increasingly losing faith in party culture. These days red symbolises white, rather white terror. ~~del del del~~